This week we were asked to start drafting our research proposal. Our research proposal basically has to cover everything in our research plan including our hypothesis, research method, resources and how we are going to obtain our information.   
  
Before we got the opportunity to get a good head start on our proposal, our class was made to watch a video on Research Project. The video helped me gain a better understanding of the overall subject and further made me think of research ideas/methods I would like to use to obtain different information.   
  
This week Miss McInnes taught us an evaluating method titled ‘C.R.A.P’, (Currency, Reliability, Authority, Purpose).  
By using this method you can decide how valuable and accurate the information is before using it. By checking the currency (date published), you know how recent and accurate the information is. Reliability refers to how reliable the source in question is, Authority refers to the Author or creator of the article and the purpose asks you to check to see if the purpose of the article is stated and whether or not it’s based around solid fact of personal opinion.   
I think this evaluating method will prove quite useful during my research project and information search.  
  
When I was writing out my research proposal it forced me to really think about how I was going to successfully complete my research project. I had to clearly state my hypothesis, explain in detail about my research method, and list different ways I was planning on obtaining various sources of information. I finished my research proposal a day before the due date for marking. I drafted two copies to get second opinions from teachers and students before writing up my good copy which I submitted.   
  
The image to the left is a google wonderwheel based around homophobia in modern/contemporary society. We were taught about the wonderwheel in week one and I have found it useful ever since.   
  
I explored all the various branches on this particular wonderwheel finding very useful articles, statistics, personal stories and reviews.   
To the right is another wonderwheel based around discrimination which is a less specific topic surrounding homophobia.   
I will be doing a lot more study into this during the next week.